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PHYSICIAN FOUND DEAD

Lying on the floor of his room at the Clayton House, Wilmington, Dr. Thomas O. Grover, aged 60 years was found dead by his wife about 10.30 o'clock Friday night. His death is believed to have been due to apoplexy.

Dr. Grover appeared well Friday having attended the theatre in the afternoon and was about the hotel as usual in the evening. Mrs. Grover, who had been visiting friends, returned to the hotel after 10 o'clock, and upon going to the suite of rooms occupied by her husband and herself, was horrified to find him lying on the floor. Her screams attracted the attention of C. B. McCullough, the clerk down stairs, and E. Mueller, a guest. Rushing upstairs the men saw Mrs. Grover standing in the door of her room and the body of her husband upon the floor.

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Taking in the situation, McCullough immediately notified Dr. Willard Springer, who upon his arrival announced that the aged physician had been dead for an hour. Funeral Director Robinson and Deputy Coroner Kilmer were notified and relatives of the deceased in Pittsburg and New York City informed of his death.

Philip Burger Dead

Philip Burger, 60 years old, died suddenly at his residence in Delaware City about 8 o'clock Sunday night. Mr. Burger had been engaged in the clothing business for several years and was well-known.

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Citizens National Bank.—President, Joseph Biggs; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Teller, F. Davis. Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

THE CHURCHES.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. C. T. Wyatt Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7.30 p. m. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday evening of each month at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday morning class, 9.30, Louis Fennimore, leader. Tuesday night class, 7.30, the pastor. Wednesday night class, 7.30, A. G. Cox.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, J. Fletcher Deakyne, Supt. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a. m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7.30 p. m. and on Friday at 3.30 p. m.; during summer months at 6.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 9.30 a. m., Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. on Wednesdays. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Friday of each month at 2.30 p. m. The rector conducts service in Odessa in the room under the Hall on the first and third Sundays of each month at four o'clock, and at St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at half past three.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, March 9th, 1903.

THE Fifty-seventh Congress has passed into history with a most creditable record on the statute book. Perhaps the most important of recent enactments are the anti-trust provisions of the last session which, it is believed will prevent the destruction of competition by the great corporations and incidentally will facilitate the bringing to justice those companies which attempt to violate the law. Both the President and Attorney General Knox have expressed satisfaction with the progress made in this direction and the Republican leaders say that if it is demonstrated that further amendment of the statutes is found necessary such will be provided by the next Congress. A thoroughly adequate and comprehensive immigration law has been added to the statutes. It contains no new and nadical features but co-ordinates and harmonizes those enacted in the past.

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Secretary Lodge, speaking to your correspondent on the work of Congress, said after adjournment, "Two of the most important laws enacted this session, in my judgment, are the Army and the Militia re-organization bills. The creation of a general staff for the control of the army has long been advocated by Secretary Root and is everywhere acknowledged to be a step in the right direction. The Militia law will enable the authorities in the War Department to supervise, to some extent, the organization of the militia and unify its accoutrements, drill and tactics so that in the event of an emergency the Fedral government would find in the state guard a far more effective organization than was the case at the beginning of the Spanish war. I am of course deeply disappointed at the failure of the Philippine tariff bill and consider the method of the Democrats who defeated it inexcusable. I also regret the failure of the Aldrich financial bill." It may be said however that there are some Republicans in Congress who are glad of the failure of the Aldrich bill.

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The Democrats carried out their threat and during the closing hours of the Senate talked to death the Philippine tariff and the Aldrich financial bills. The Senate remained in session until 2 A. M. on the 4th of March with the hope of exhausting the Democratic opposition but Senators Teller and Patterson of Colorado and Eubois of Idaho maintained a persistent filibuster to the end. Even the final minutes of the Congress were married, in the Senate, by bitterness and anger, Senator Mason of Illinois talking to death a local bill on which Senator Bailey of Texas was endeavoring to secure a vote. Finally, however, Senator Cockrell proposed the usual resolution of thanks to the presiding officer and Senator Frye declared the Senate adjourned.

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On March 5th the Senate met in special session and seventeen senators renewed their oath of office while ten newly elected members were sworn in. The three others had not yet arrived at the Capitol. The scene in the Senate chamber on the reconvening of the Senate was brilliant in the extreme. The galleries were filled with the friends of the senators about to be sworn in and their desks were in many instances piled with flowers. Senator Gorman's desk was completely bidden with a number of magnificent floral designs, one standing not less than ten feet high. All bore the oricle colors, yellow and black. Senator Hopkins had the largest number of floral remembrances on the Republican side of the chamber. Senators Foraker, Spooner, Platt of Connecticut, Allison, and Gorman were the recipients of vociferous applause as they came forward to be sworn. A small amount of routine business was transacted and the Senate then adjourned.

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One of the missing faces in the new Senate is that of Senator Jones of Nevada who has served for thirty years and has long been recognized as an able authority on tariff questions. Senator Allison took the oath for his sixth term, the longest on record. As chairman of the committee on appropriations Mr. Allison has rendered invaluable service to his party. Among the retiring senators was Mr. Vest, long and affectionately known as "The little Giant of Missouri." He had many warm friends on the Republican side of the chamber and was regarded as the representative of the best element among the Democratic senators. His genial presence will be missed. Mr. Vest was the last man in the Senate who had served as a member of the Confederate Congress. Two men on the Republican side retired with actual relief. They are Senators Wellington and Simon. Mr. Wellington had long been out of touch with his party and, since his famous reference to President McKinley, had been shunned by the members of both parties. Senator Simon of Oregon has never mingled with his colleagues. Reserved and taciturn, he never seemed to be able to understand the spirit of the Senate or to take in good part the joking to which every new senator must submit. He has held himself aloof from the first and expressed great satisfaction at the conclusion of his public service.

An error has been discovered in the Immigration bill which, in so far as known, was made entirely unwittingly. The provisions of the bill are made to apply to all of the insular possessions of the United States, including the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Gum, etc. Heretofore the immigration laws of these colonies have been enacted by the War department or the local governments and enforced by them. Just what complications the error will lead to is not yet known as the matter will be referred to the attorney General today.

Moving Day Coming

March 25th is moving day under the law and numerous people are now preparing to change their residence. The date will fall on Wednesday and this will give those who move an opportunity to get their new homes properly furnished before Sunday, which is always desirable.

MARRIAGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

BY MISS LILLIE HAMILTON FRENCH

Marriage, indeed, does make a difference to women, and we who are the old maids might just as well learn. My own first awakening came when I saw my married sisters calling to their stalwart young husbands to help them over some puddles in the road. And what a fuss they made! When they had been helped over, they went on and left me, the youngest, behind. I called for assistance too, it seemed so agreeable to command it. One of my sisters, her hand still in that of her husband's, looked back and said: "It's easy. Step on a stone and jump." Then cuddling closer to her husband, she walked on, not turning again.

I can remember, too, the wife of some college professor who had been asked to meet me when I was perhaps twenty-eight. "Why, I thought you were married," she said to me as we shook hands. "If I had known you were single, I never would have worn a long dress." It was her only dress, I learned afterward—that was why she said "a" and not "my"—a black silk dress, by the way, which she had worn for years, and which she made "low neck" for dinner parties by unfastening the few top buttons. These early experiences, and my having married sisters, taught me much. Probably every other old maid has learned, too, that timidity and helplessness, for instance, so engaging in wives, are considered ridiculous in spinsters. Is not a timid old maid laughed at the world over, and is not a timid wife cherished? —*The Century.*

HAS WEALTH COME TO STAY?

BY HAMILTON W. MABIE

Society is fast becoming richer than was foreshadowed in the most audacious dreams of the past. Measured by the standars of to-day, Crœsus was a person of very moderate fortune; and the revenues of kings are of small account when compared with the incomes of the leading capitalists of the twentieth century. There are those who think that the recent production of wealth is abnormal, and who are predicting a return to the old scale of values in the near future. There are, however, no signs of any reduction of energy, any decline of force, any exhaustion either of the genius which creates wealth, or of the material out of which wealth is developed. There are, on the contrary, many things which indicate that society is in the early stages of a wealth-producing period the like of which has not only not occurred before, but has never been anticipated by the most sanguine men of affairs. Great changes will undoubtedly be made in the methods of distribution of wealth, but there will be no diminution in its production. Historic processes are now bearing the slow fruitage of time in the opening up of the entire globe, the drawing together of races in free competition in the field of the world, the discovery of the magical power of co-operation and combination and their application to commerce and trade on a great scale, and, above all, the application of science to business in all departments, from the uses of chemistry in manufacturing to the uses of electricity in swift communication and conveyance of goods.—*The Century.*

BOOK OF THE ROYAL BLUE

The March number "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is in the nature of a special number of particular interest to Odd Fellows, Elks and members of the North Eastern Saengerbund, who will hold conventions at Baltimore during the coming summer.

The number abounds in beautiful illustrations of the city of Baltimore, with a short introduction to its attractive features. Much valuable information is given concerning each of the three organizations, whose combined membership is now over a million and a half. The demand for copies therefore will be great, and, as the edition is limited, requests for copies should be made early. Single copies may be had for five cents each, on application to D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Baltimore. The annual subscription to the magazine is but fifty cents, and each number issued monthly, contains some special article of interest.

STIRS EUCHRE PLAYERS

The Rev. John McElmoyle, pastor of the Elkton Presbyterian Church has caused no little talk by an attack upon progressive euchre in a talk to his congregation. Mr. McElmoyle stated that there are some Christians who are not so zealous in reading the Bible to learn the way of righteousness as in spending their time studying books to learn the intricacies and fine art of gambling. His remarks, in view of the fact that progressive euchre parties have been numerous in Elkton this winter, have created quite a stir both in and outside his own church.

Diocese Granted

In County Court on Saturday a number of divorce cases were passed upon and several applications were granted. The application of Jane E. Miller for separation from Henry C. Miller was allowed. Hannah E. Cloud was granted a separation from her husband, Lewis S. Cloud. Sarah J. C. Bromley vs. Robert Bromley, W. H. Hyatt vs. Josephine R. Hyatt and Mrs. Sarah C. Beloe vs. Walter E. C. Beloe, were all granted divorces.

Smallpox in Smyrna

Considerable uneasiness is felt in Smyrna, as a case of smallpox was discovered on Lincoln street last week. The victim is colored, and came from Chester on Saturday night to call on a colored woman. The Board of Health established a strict quarantine and a booth for the watchman was erected. Officers will watch the house night and day.

DELAWARE NOTES

The Sussex Pomona Grange met at Georgetown Tuesday.

Harry Saring, of Wilmington, seriously injured his back by failing from a tree.

Joseph Brown, in Wilmington City Court Monday, was fined $50 and costs for selling liquor illegally.

The Fourth street extension of the People's Railway, in Wilmington, was operated for the first time Monday.

Car Inspectors' and Repairmen's Union, of Wilmington, on Saturday evening next, will visit the Union in Baltimore.

George Rambo, of Wilmington, is suffering with a bullet wound in the left thigh, the result of the careless handling of a revolver.

Charged with soliciting money fraudulently for St. Joseph's Catholic School, at Wilmington, Maggie Roney was arrested Monday.

T. Coleman duPont's gasoline yacht "Teck," has been overhauled at Wilmington, and will soon start on a cruise to the Bermudas.

A sale of the "old and the new," under the auspices of the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, of New Castle, netted nearly $300.

Although plans for Georgetown's water works have been drawn, they have not been approved and the town is still without fire protection.

Several foremen of the Diamond State Steel Company, of Wilmington, are on an inspection trip of various steel plants in the country to learn new processes of steel manufacture.

The New Castle Manufacturing Company started its dredging machines out on the Delaware River, south of New Castle, Tuesday, to secure clay for the Philadelphia filter beds at Torresdale.

Firemen of Wilmington are opposed to the bill pending in the Legislature to fix the date for the election of the Fire Department officers in January, instead of June, as the measure would extend the time of Chief Connaway and his assistants.

SMALLPOX FROM CHESTER

Citizens of Wilmington, and in fact people throughout the State, are up in arms at the manner in which smallpox is being spread. Nearly every case of the dread disease, it is claimed, has been brought here by people from Chester.

This state of affairs has been going on for over a year and hardly a week passes but what a new case is reported which was contracted by some person who has been in Chester. This is not only true in Wilmington but also in small towns ontside of the city. There are now cases in Newport, Smyrna and Middletown, and in all these places it has been discovered that it was brought from the Pennsylvania city. Complaints are heard every day and it is argued that the quarantine in Chester must be very lax to allow so many persons who have evidently been thrown in close contact with the disease to leave the city.

Many citizens think that the State Board of Health should take some action in the matter, and it may be brought to the attention of the board in the near future.

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a meeting in the Historical Society's building in Wilmington on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of making arrangements for the flag celebration at Cooch's Bridge on September 3d.

Representatives from the Sons of the Revolution, Colonial Dames, Colonial Wars Daughters of the Revolution, Patriotic Citizens and Daughters of the American Revolution were present. It was decided that each society should appoint one member to act with the Cooch's Bridge Chapter, D. A. R., in planning for the success of the celebration, and a resolution was passed in support of the bill before the Legislature to prohibit the use of the flag for advertising purposes.

LOBE CAPTURED

Frank Lobe, the young burglar suspect, who made a sensational escape from the Delaware Hospital Wilmington, Sunday night is again behind prison bars. He was arrested in Darby on Monday night, and Chief of Police Black and Detective Francis Tuesday night brought him from Media, where he had been committed to jail for vagrancy. The theory advanced by the police that the young Italian was given outside assistance appears to be wrong. According to his statement, while in the hospital he waited for a chance to escape, and the opportunity came on Sunday night. To Chief of Police Black and Detective Francis he said he waited until the nurses had left the ward and then made his leap through the window. After procuring a pair of overalls and an overcoat and breaking the chain of the leg irons he wore, he walked up the B. & O. railroad tracks to Chester and went from there to Darby.

Marvil for Mayor

A number of prominent Democrats are trying to persuade former Judge David T. Marvil to become a candidate on the Democratic ticket for mayor of Wilmington. While he has not as yet announced that he will be a candidate, his many friends are of the opinion that he will be on the ticket. He is a popular man and is probably the strongest candidate the Democrats could get.

Cut Brother With Axe

Friday afternoon Earl, the 3-year-old son of T. Roseby McMullen, of near Iron Hill, was badly cut on the side of the neck and chin by his brother with an axe, who was chopping a tree. The axe glanced, striking the child with the above result. The parents were absent at the time, and when they returned Dr. Henry was summoned and dressed the wound.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Some books are made to amuse, others because they are useful and needed. In this class is a book which the publishers have just favored us with a copy of, and it is with much pleasure that we review it. The title is, "Conklin's Peerless Manual of Useful Information and World's Atlas." It contains 513 pages, 93 of which are occupied by the clearest up-to-date maps, printed in colors, that we have ever seen. This is the most useful book that it has been our good fortune to possess, and we recommend all of our readers to send for a copy.

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PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR

Embroidery is very prominent in all fashions.

Tea gowns show the sleeve cut in one with the shoulder.

The prettiest designs in neckwear are all adorned with French knots.

Fine cloth and serge dresses are being trimmed with broad lines of braid.

The career of the tassel continues unchecked, and is worn on hat and gown alike.

Undressed kid is seen on some ultra fashionable frocks as a stitched trimming.

The drop shoulder effect is a distinguishing feature of many of the newest bodices.

Dark green plaid for street wear is decidedly popular for maids and youthful matrons.

Dressy Oxford ties for house wear show vamps striped with alternate bands of black and gold.

Louisine silk is much used for blouses, though the woolen one holds its own for morning wear.

Ribbons that shade from a bright green to deep blue make up admirably into rosettes that may be used for the ornamentation of dark toned gowns or hats.

Ruchings of taffeta are an old-time revival, and box pleatings, fringed frills and quiltings of black and colored taffeta adorn hats, boas, fichus, pelerines and gowns.

Gowns of chenille draped over black chiffon and fine black lace are among the original models of the season. As accompaniments are wraps composed entirely of chenille frings.

In the newest of embroidered hose the flowers are not distributed carelessly over the surface, but form some particular design such as bow-knot, heart or monogram placed over the instep.

KICKED TO DEATH

With head terribly battered the body of Michael Carroll, aged about 32 years, of No. 1217 Elm Street, Wilmington, was found shortly after 7 o'clock Friday morning in the stables of Undertaker Charles B. Dougherty, at Front and Orange Streets. An employe discovered the dead man lying in a stall with the horse which had during the night taken exception to the man who desired to share its quarters, and beat him to death with unmercifnl ironclad hoofs. How Mr. Carroll got into the stable without attracting attention is a mystery. His skull was penetrated in several places by the vicious kicks of the animal. Beside him lay a dinner pail filled with food. Deputy Coroner Kilmer was notified and he removed the body to the morgue where it was latter indentified.

MANY WERE BENEFITED

The statement of the Pennsylvania Railroad Voluntary Relief Department for January, just issued, shows payments during the month for benefits amounting to $119,912. Of this sum $42,802 was for death, $26,225 for accident and $50,885 for sick benefits.

From the time of the organization of the department, February 15th, 1886, to the end of January, the sum of $10,359,239 was paid in benefits. Over 70,000 employes on the lines east of Pittsburg and Erie are now members of the Voluntary Relief Department.

Tried to Hang Himself

Frank Pennock, a young farmer of lower Oxford township, Md., tried suicide by hanging on Friday morning. A farm hand returning from the creamery found Pennock, who had remarked previously that there was going to be trouble, hanging from a beam in his barn. He was promptly cut down, and it is thought, that no serious consequences will follow his attempt at self-destruction.

Old Universalist Church Sold

The old Universalist Church of the Reconciliation, with the grounds attached, lying between Elkton and Chesapeake City, Md., has been purchased by Desosia Walworth, of Virginia, for $250. The church is a brick structure which has been closed for many years.

MARYLAND NOTES

Mrs. Sarah Brown, of Glasgrow, fell down a flight of stairs and received serious injuries.

Hydrophobia has killed a number of sheep belonging to farmers in Queen Anne's County.

Wesley Chapel, in Kent County, has asked for the return of Rev. J. L. Elderdice for another year.

The annual session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference will begin next week at Easton, with Earl Cranston presiding.

John D. Urie, State's Attorney for Kent County, will be a candidate for Comptroller of the State on the Republican ticket.

The congregation of Bond M. E. Church, in Kent County, has presented the pastor, Rev. A. H. Covey, with a gold watch.

Rev. J. M. Sheridan, pastor of Bethany, M. P. Church, Pocomoke City, will ask the conference to assign him to another field this year.

The Elkton M. E. Church will this year contribute the largest amount to missions in its history, the sum of $407.64 having been raised.

The congregation of the Rowlandsville M. P. Church has asked for the return of Rev. J. Earle Maloy as paster for the tenth consecutive year.

A joint debate has been arranged between students of the Jacob Tome Institute and the New York Institute Collegiate to take place on April 24th.

The court will hereafter reserve the right to appoint counsel in criminal cases to be tried in Cecil County where the accused lacks means to employ legal assistance.

The Carroll County Circuit Court has rendered an important decision, holding that the County Commissioners are not liable for damages for injuries or losses sustained on the public highways.

An order has been issued from the adjutant-general's department announcing that there will be a camp of the entire National Guard of Maryland from July 9th to 19th of this year. The site has not yet been fixed.

Several prominent business men, members of Wicomico Lodge of Masons, have secured an option on a lot or ground fronting the Salisbury Court House, for the purpose of erecting a handsome Masonic Temple.

The stockholders of the Talbot County Fair Association have unanimously decided not to sell the fair grounds property, but to hold it intact, and conduct another fair this year. The membership of the Board of Directors was increased from nine to twelve.

Mrs. Rebecca Whitaker, 82 years old, of Elkton, was burned to death on Saturday. She tried to start a fire in the stove by using gasoline, and her clothing was ignited. Miss Estelle Gamble, her neice, found her in the yard dead.

THREE-DAY TOUR TO WASHINGTON

The next Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-Conducted Tour to Washington leaves Thursday, March 19th. Rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip, hotel accommodations, and transfer of passenger and baggage, station to hotel in Washington, $14.50 from New York, $13.00 from Trenton, and $11.50 from Philadelphia. These rates cover accommodations for two days at the Arlington, Normandie, Riggs, Ebbitt, Shoreham, Cochran, Gordon, Barton, or Hamilton Hotels. For accommodations at Regent, Metropolitan, National, or Colonial Hotels, $2.50 less. Special side trip to Mount Vernon.

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DATE OF ADJOURNMENT

DOVER, Del., March 9th.—The Legislature is to adjourn Wednesday, March 18th, at noon, and no business but the signing of bills is to be transacted after 12.30 o'clock on Tuesday, 17th. The Senate joint resolution to that effect was called up in the House this afternoon.

Mr. Monaghan offered an amendment te make the date of adjournment Wednesday, the 25th. Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment extending the time to Friday, the 20th.

On Mr. Tyre's motion, the Holcomb amendment was laid on the table, and on Mr. Rose's motion, the Monagham amendment was laid on the table. Then the resolution was passed 26 to 6. Those voting "no" were Messrs. Buckmaster, Connelly, Holcomb, Monaghan, Morrison and Paradee.

A GOOD ANSWER

A farmer answers the question, "Why be a farmer?" Why be a farmer? Because it is one of the grandest and most honorable callings of life; because it is a calling that does not require the little tricks of trade to be successful; because the farmer is the one person in the world that is independent of the rest of the world. The farmer lives independent of others, but it would be impossible for others to live without the farmer, though they look down on the farmer as one beneath them. There has been a larger percentage of farmers that have risen to distinction than men of any other calling.

Will Improve Base Ball Park

Stirlith Brothers, the managers of the Wilmington A. A. base ball team, will make improvements to South Side Park before the opening of the coming season. A section of the fence which at present surrounds the grounds will be torn down and a new one erected. It is probable that the seating capacity of the grand stand will be increased The diamond will also be put in a first-class condition.

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ARBITRARY RULINGS

Speaker Anthony of the House of Representatives has aroused much opposition by his rulings upon matters of law and parliamentary rules during the session now coming to a close. Everyone believes that Mr. Anthony is honest in his opinions and has the courage of his convictions. His first incorrect ruling was upon the bill making an allowance to the Auditor of Accounts for extra work. on which he believed a three-fourths vote to be necessary. This week he was bitterly attacked by the friends of the local option measure when he claimed that he as Speaker had the right to declare the proposed bill unconstitutional, thereby taking to himself the powers of the Supreme Court. Again on the measure providing for a tuberculosis hospital, he claimed a three-fourths vote necessary to pass the bill.

We believe that Mr. Anthony is wrong in his premise that the Speaker has more power than any other member of the House. He was elected in the same manner as the thirty-four other Representatives and only represents one district. It is the province of the House to make its own rules and the duty of the Speaker to enforce those rules.

Speaker Reed said, when the famous rules of the Fifty-first Congress, "They are not "Reed" rules but House rules." So in this case, Mr. Anthony should enforce the rules as he understands them and not try to make new ones. To admit that presiding officer of any body has the power to add to or take from the rules of that body would be dangerous. Under the government of an honest man like the present speaker, it would not, possibly, do any serious harm, but all men elected to the Legislature are not honest, and it is probable that the future may see one of the other kind elevated to the Speakership, and he might claim under the precedents established the right to be the whole House. It will be well if the House should by a decisive vote, take this matter up and settle it on its merits without regard to the particular matter or bill affected by the ruling. It is a blow at free, popular government and should be strenuously resisted.

THE JURY COMMISSIONER BILL

The Senate has passed with an amendment the so-called Whiteman Jury Commissioner Bill, to provide for two commissioners one of each political party who shall draw the juries. This in the past has been done by the Clerk of the Peace and Prothonotary who drew the names from lists prepared by the Levy Court. We have been in favor of this measure as it has been presented to various Legislatures for the past ten or twelve years, but of its amended form we do not approve. The amendment is to make it applicable to New Castle County alone. If the change is a good thing for this County where the Democrats do not have a hope of securing control of the Levy Court, why is it not a good thing for Kent and Sussex Counties which they expect carry? And this change was the result of the votes of the Democratic Senators from Kent and Sussex Counties.

It is true that in the past under the Democratic regime New Castle County juries had become bad and places on the jury were considered as reward for political services. In those days special juries were demanded in many cases. But since the Court declared null and void the jury panel at the May term of 1901, not a special jury has been drawn. In the other counties the conditions have been as bad as they were here and the same improvement has been shown under Republican rule. We have the authority of one of the leading Democratic lawyers of Kent County for the statement that at one term of the Court in that county the jury panel was so bad that all the attorneys joined in an agreement not to try a case at that term. It never was so bad in New Castle, although heaven knows it was bad enough. Yet the Democrats of Kent and Sussex want to improve New Castle's system while retaining the acknowledged bad system in their own counties. We repeat, if it is good enough for us, it is good enough for them. We are in favor of reform but we want it as a general reform and not in spots.

[COMMUNICATED]

AN EXPLANATION

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT.—In reply to the editorial in one of Delaware's Sunday papers I would ask you to publish the following:

The readers of the TRANSCRIPT are familiar with the charges I recently made at the Board of Trustees of Delaware State Hospital. Now comes a vivid biography of the State Hospital and its management, with rasping references to the Assistant Superintendent who made the charges: It goes on to say that the charges are imaginary and inventive purely as a matter of spite.

Now to offset this in the minds of those who might think such I have only to site the following:

At the Feb. meeting I made the same charges as I did at the March meeting, at the former meeting the reporter was kept in an outer room so nothing was heard.

After this meeting I saw one of the trustees in his own parlor, I said to him: "Well I suppose the trustees thought I said what I did through contempt or spite for Dr. Hancker. The reply was, "No Doctor, we knew it before. Dr. Black cautioned him and we thought everything was all right now." And the trustee who I saw on the train coming from Middletown said, "Yes, too bad, it is a sad condition of affairs."

Now here are three trustees who know conditions as they are at the Hospital, and there has been no talk of an investigation. If there is to be an investigation, who is to have it, if not the people of Delaware through its legislature.

The trustees know full well the conditions and I fully know I can prove to the satisfaction of all what I said.

If an investigation occurs I will not only have the two trustees to repeat their own words but several others who will corroborate what I say.

I have made some serious charges and if they are not true then I am liable for defalcation of character.

I was brought from New York from an excellent position and subjected to one man's peculiarities and it is only in response to this imposition and in justice to the three hundred unfortunates at the Hospital that I made the disclosures.

It will be remembered at first I left on account of the smallpox, now the reason has been changed and a convenient one is the matter of incompetency.

Very truly,
DR. W. E. CURTIN.

CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Frank Jefferson spent Friday in Delaware City.

Mr. Waitman Smithers spent Friday in Baltimore.

Miss Belle M. Joyce spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones are entertaining his sister.

Mrs. Oakley Barwick spent Wednesday of last week in Philadelphia.

Edward Bell, of Baltimore, spent the past week with his family here.

Robert Hayes, of Kent County, has been visiting Mr. Harry Morgan.

Mrs. D. Palmer Boulden and daughter Lucie, spent last week in Elkton.

Mrs. W. A. Alexander and Miss Kay Price visited Elkton last Thursday.

Miss Eddie Ferguson, of Cecilton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Byran Bouchelle.

Dr. H. A. Cleaver and Bennett Steele spent Monday and Tuesday in Baltimore.

The ladies of Bethel M. E. Church held a "Sock Social" on Saturday evening.

George Conrey, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Conrey.

Miss Florence Boulden spent Sunday with Miss Helen Spear, of Sassafras Neck.

There will be a general turning around between the present time and the 25th of March.

Mrs. M. E. Clayton, of Cecilton, visited her mother, Mrs. M. E. Freeman last week.

Miss Carrie Hance and Henri Lindsay, Jr., of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents.

The Daughters of the Confederacy met at the home of Mrs. G. S. Woolley last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. Harry Jones, of the Manor, spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Catharine Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morgar. and daughter, of Sassafras Neck, spent Tuesday with Mrs. M. E. Freeman.

Mrs. John Daiment and son George, of Cedarville, N. J., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cleaver, of the Manor, last week.

The Daughters of the King held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Alexander on Wednesday evening.

Miss Jane H. Knorr has returned to her home at Pleasant View, Town Point Neck, after a two months visit with Baltimore relatives.

Shawmut Tribe of Red Men attended the M. E. Church in a body on Sunday evening and the Odd Fellows the Presbyterian Church the same evening.

The Universalist Church of the Reconciliation and the lot on which it stands has been sold for $250 to Desosia Walworth, of Virginia. The old church is nothing more than a ruin. The only service that was ever held there, being one held by the Universalists of Baltimore who come here on the boat once during the summer. The original trustees of this religious body were Messrs. William Taylor, David Taylor, Isaac Linn, John H. Biddle and Benjamin C. Biddle. The sum received will be used for Missionary purposes.

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SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Revival services closed here on Sunday evening.

The fishermen have been catching large quantities of yellow perch.

Mr. William Stradley visited Delaware City on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. E. Jacobs, of Felton, Del., is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry.

The Chester bridge river draw was turned on for travel last week. The contract price was $7,465.

Wesley Chapal, of Kent County, has asked for the return of Rev. I. L. Elderdice for another year.

Mr. Charles Griffith, of near Cecilton, visited his father, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith Wednesday.

Miss Emma Johns who has been spending some weeks in Philadelphia returned home on Thursday last.

Mr. James Hall, of Fredericktown, has entertained on Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander T. Laws.

Mr. F. P. Cochran, of Galena, returned on Monday last from New York, where he has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Burris of near Kennedyville on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. McLain Brown and children were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith several days last week.

John D. Urie States Attorney for Kent County will be a candidate for Controller of the State on the Republican ticket.

The Annual Session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference will begin next week at Easton, with Bishop Earl Cranston presiding.

The channel up to within a few miles of Millington has been dug out sufficiently to allow vessels of light draught to navigate there.

"Gypsy Sam" King of Doughterty Brothers passed through Sassafras on Thursday last going North with thirty head of horses.

There were quite a number from here who attended "Osborne Day," given by Mr. James H. Smith at his new warehouse on Thursday last.

The beautiful driving horse of Mrs. Frederick Robertson had its front leg broken, being kicked by another horse, which necessiated having the horse killed.

"A Peddler's Parade" also a poultry supper was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin, under the auspices of the M. P. Church, on Thursday evening, March 12th.

The Sunday School Missionary Anniversary of Asbury M. E. Church was largely attended on Sunday last. Receipts of missions were up to last year. A special service was rendered.

Methodist women from all parts of the Peninsula gathered in Smyrna on Thursday. to participate in the seventeenth annual convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the Wilmington Conference. Mrs. C. C. Brown, of Wilmington, the conference president presided.

Mr. Phineas H. Jones, of Sassafras, and Mrs. Mary E. Norris, of Wilmington, were married at the residence of the groom on Wednesday evening, March 4th, at 9 o'clock, the Rev. J. McLain Brown officiating. Those in attendance were: Rev. and Mrs. J. McLain Brown, Miss Grace Brown and Edward Brown, Mrs. Caroline Johns and James Johns, Mrs. John F. Ernest and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester and children, Mr. Robert S. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander T. Laws, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spry, and son, Miss Bessie Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Davis and son, Mr. Frank Rowan and son, Misses Bessie and Emma Stradley, Mrs. Laura Townsend, Charles Fillingame, Mrs. Jesse Shepherd, Mrs. Ann Shepherd, Mrs. Sallie Schapt, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and a great many others. An elegant collation was served about 12 o'clock.

FOR DIVIDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY

A bill to divide New Castle county was introduced Monday by Representative Holcomb. The measure creates two counties---Wilmington and New Castle---and gives Wilmington city a much larger representation in the Legislature. It provides that Wilmington county shall have three Senators and ten Representatives. Wilmington city has now only two Senators and five Representatives. The bill cannot become a law, however, unless it is ratified by the next Legislature, because of the change in representation. It names Wilmington as the county seat for Wilmington county and New Castle as the county seat for New Castle county.

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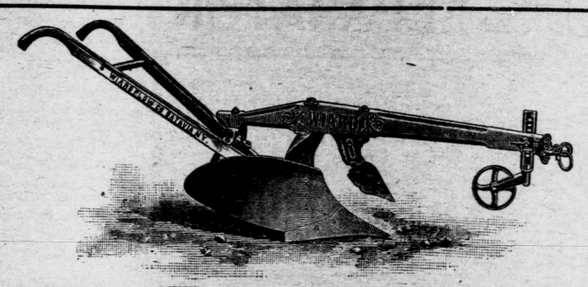

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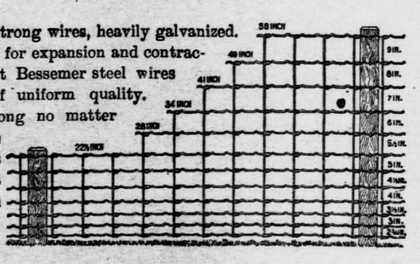

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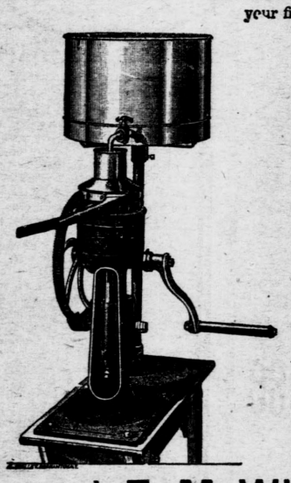

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